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SUBJ: OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO'S VIEWS ON NATO, CIA,
AND OTHER SUBJECTS EXPRESSED IN SERIES OF PRESS INTERVIEWS

SUMMARY: OTELO CARVALHO, IN RECENT SERIES OF PRESS INTERVIEWS,
SHOWS HIS SUSPICION OF NATO AND CIA; HIS PREDILECTION FOR
SOCIALISM OF THE EUROPEAN-TYPE; HIS DISTRUST OF CAPITALISM;
AND HIS VIEWS ON NATIONALIZATION, CHAMPALIMAUD, AND THE
ONGOING ARMY PURGE. END SUMMARY.

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2. CIA AND NATO

OTELO SHOWED HIS LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR NATO AND HIS SUSPICION OF THE CIA WHEN ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL DANGERS WHICH THE COUNTRY WOULD FACE IN THE PERIOD BEFORE THE MARCH ELECTIONS. INTERNALLY, PREDICTED OTELO, THE COUNTRY CAN EXPECT THE RIGHT TO ATTEMPT ANOTHER BUT PROBABLY MORE FORCEFUL COUP IN THE INTERIM BEFORE THE ELECTIONS. THE AFM IS ALERT TO THIS PROBABILITY, BUT ALSO SEES DANGER FROM WITHOUT. "WE KNOW THAT THE CIA IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM. THE AMERICANS HAVE A MORBID FEAR OF COMMUNISM, AND THEREFORE..THEY HAVE A SERIES OF SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS TO FIGHT AGAINST IT. THE CIA, WHICH USES THE MOST INCREDIBLE METHODS--LOOK AT CHILE--DOES NOT CARE IF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE KILLED, IS PROBABLY THE MOST DANGEROUS, BUT NOT THE ONLY ORGANIZATION: NATO IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF AN ORGANIZATION CREATED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE ANTI-COMMUNIST STRUGGLE".

3. PORTUGAL'S POLITICAL FUTURE

"WE HAVE TO GUIDE THE COUNTRY TOWARDS A EUROPEAN-TYPE SOCIALISM, A PROSPECT WHICH GENERAL COSTA GOMES AND THE 2,000 OFFICERS IN THE AFM FACE WITH TRANQUILITY".

4. BIG BUSINESS AND BANKS

"CAPITAL IS ALWAYS AN ENEMY TO KEEP UNDER WATCH". IN HIS OPINION LARGE COMPANIES AND BANKS "WHICH CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE THEY ARE NOT INTERESTED IN INSTALLING DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES IN PORTUGAL AND WHICH OPPOSE ALL PROGRESS" SHOULD BE NATIONALIZED. HE SPECIFICALLY DECLARED THAT THOSE CONCERNS WHICH COMPLETELY STOP INVESTING SHOULD BE NATIONALIZED, AND THEIR OWNERS "IF NECESSARY, EXPELLED OR SENT INTO EXILE".

5. THE AFM AND ITS ALLIES

THERE NOW EXISTS A CERTAIN ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE AFM AND THE PARTIES OF THE LEFT AND THE CENTER-LEFT BECAUSE IN THIS MOMENT THE PARTIES OF THE LEFT ARE OUR ALLIES. THIS IS BECAUSE THEY ARE THE ONES INTERESTED IN INSTALLING DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL. THE ALLIED HE LISTED ARE THE COMMUNISTS, THE SOCIALISTS, AND THE PPD ("TO THE EXTENT THAT IT SHOWS IT IS CENTER-LEFT"). THE ENEMIES ARE THE PARTIES OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXTREME RIGHT. (COMMENT: OTELO MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE CDS, THE ONLY MODERATE CONSERVATIVE PARTY WHICH EXISTS).

6. CHAMPALIMAUD

OTELO SINGLES OUT CHAMPALIMAUD AS AN "INDUSTRIAL GENIUS" ABOUT WHOSE ACTIVITIES IN THE INDUSTRIAL SPHERE HE HAS HEARD ONLY GOOD THINGS. IN HIS OPINION CHAMPALIMAUD ACCEPTS CHALLENGES, IS AUDACIOUS, AND IS A MAN WHO, IF

HE SO WISHES AND IS GIVEN INCENTIVES, WILL BE ABLE TO BRING ABOUT AN INDUSTRIAL RESURGENCE IN PORTUGAL.

7. PURGE IN THE ARMY

THE PURGE IS STILL BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE ARMED SERVICES, AND IS ALMOST FINISHED IN THE ARMY. A CERTAIN DELAY IN THIS PROCESS HAS ARISEN OUT OF THE NEED TO CARE FOR THE ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF THOSE PURGED, MANY OF WHOM UNDER EXISTING LAW ARE INELIGIBLE FOR PENSIONS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN IN THE SERVICE THE REQUIRED PERIOD OF TIME TO QUALIFY. THIS PROBLEM IS UNDER STUDY, BUT IN THE MEANTIME THE PURGE MUST NOT COME TO A HALT. HE MAKES CLEAR THAT THOSE PURGED ARE NOT ALL ULTRA-REACTIONARIES OR FASCISTS, WHO IN FACT CONSTITUTE A MINORITY, BUT MOSTLY INCOMPETENTS, MEN WHO HAVE LOST THE CONFIDENCE OF THEIR PEERS, THOSE WHO ARE DISHONEST, AND THOSE OTHERWISE UNSUITED TO THE NEW MILITARY.

8. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT ANY MEMBER OF THE AFM OR THE GOP HAS PUBLICLY CAST ASPERSIONS ON NATO OR THE CIA. ALTHOUGH OTELO MADE CLEAR IN HIS INTERVIEWS THAT HE WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY, AND NOT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT, ONE CANNOT HELP BUT WONDER WHETHER THERE IS MORE TO FOLLOW. IN ANY CASE, THE REMARKS REGARDING THE CIA ARE DISQUIETING. SUSPICION ABOUT CIA IS WIDESPREAD AND OTELO'S REMARKS REFLECT MOST PROBABLY THE SUSPICIONS MANY PEOPLE IN RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS HAVE ABOUT THAT ORGANIZATION.
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